

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/708,513
Preliminary Amendment

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph [0022]] with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the paper sending cylinder, [[a]] shutter plates are inserted between the air tank and the suction ducts. A plurality of shutter plates are previously prepared. Each shutter plate has a through hole that is aligned with one of the suction ducts differing from one another. If a suitable shutter plate of the shutter plates is selected and used, a predetermined suction duct of the suction ducts provided so that they differ in phase in the circumferential direction can be selectively communicated with the air tank. In this way, the tail of the sheet can be held by suction through the suction bores formed at suitable positions in accordance with the size of the sheet.